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THE WHITE HOUSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR

CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN
INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY BOARD

SUBJECT:

PFIAB Recommendations for Revision of the NIE Process

In a memorandum to the President on August 8 you presented, in behalf of the Board, several recommendations for changing the process through which National Intelligence Estimates are prepared. These recommendations were sent to the Director of Central Intelligence for comment.

I understand that you have received a copy of Director Colby's letter to the President of November 21, 1975 containing his response with specific reference to the Board's comments and suggestions regarding NIE 11-3/8-74, "Soviet Forces for Intercontinental Conflict Through 1985."

In his letter, the DCI suggests that the new NIE 11-3/8-75 which has just been published be reviewed by the members of PFIAB to "ascertain the extent to which it overcomes or rectifies what they may have perceived as deficiencies in NIE 11-3/8-74." He further suggests that, after such a review, his representatives meet with members of PFIAB and the NSC Staff to discuss specific courses of action. I would like to request the Board's comment on the DCI's suggestions before presenting the matter to the President.

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